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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS  
FROM:   
Acting Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - December 1986

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I. GENERAL

A. Chinese student demonstrations for "democracy" and liberalization, the most interesting and perhaps most significant development in coverage of China since the Cultural Revolution of the 1960's, got off to a modest and uncertain start early in December, but by month-end became the primary focus of Chinese coverage. Initial reporting from AFP of 9 December was followed by Japan's KYODO and press coverage and more AFP, with PRC media themselves not acknowledging the demonstrations until the third week of December. The bureau laid on all-source coverage--Japanese agencies and television, open watches on Shanghai radio to catch any first reports, which were not monitored until 22 December, Beijing domestic radio, Beijing television, Xinhua Chinese press service, regional radios, as well as external services from Taiwan, to confirm whether these broadcasts had engaged in calls for insurrection on the mainland. Coverage exclusives included processing of a hard-to-read manuscript handbill--calling for "the overthrow of Deng Xiaoping and his ilk" shown on Beijing television--alleged to be in the possession of a "counterrevolutionary" ringleader arrested in late December, by using video freeze-frame techniques to decipher the hand-lettered document. While at year-end new demonstrations were announced, and authoritative comment became more frequent and outspoken against the demonstrators, coverage to date suggests the demonstrations likely will continue into the new year, if perhaps on a smaller scale as authorities began taking a stronger stand and making more use of police. Despite sometimes uncertain bureau handling in the early days, the American Consulate in Shanghai praised the "superb" support from Okinawa in providing "our most important and timely source of reporting on the demonstrations," and offered "heartfelt thanks" and "congratulations on a job well done." C/OPs promised a sobering "lump of coal" for Christmas from DRD's managing editor to point out areas where hindsight indicated things could have been done a bit better.

B. The first pay increase for the bureau's monitor and associate editor staff in two years, a 3 percent raise effective 4 January 1987, was assured after exchanges in early December with the FBIS Administrative Staff and PMCD over the new pay scale. Okinawa's schedule is tied to the U.S. GS scale minus 15 percent, and when a 1986 pay increase was rejected for U.S. staff, bureau TCN's also had failed to get one.

C. The depth of administrative continuity at Okinawa was proved during December when most of the senior managers were absent for most or all of the month for various kinds of leave. In a series of handovers resembling "Tinker to Evers to Chance," the bureau chief left on 29 November for an extended medical evaluation in Washington, the deputy/acting chief handed over to the chief editor on 5 December, the chief editor/acting chief handed over to the regional engineer on 19 December, and the regional engineer/acting chief handed back to the returned deputy chief/acting chief on 28 December. While some unease over this was conveyed politely in Headquarters, in fact bureau staffers and local employees carried on and things got done on schedule. Holiday absences have become much more popular since rest and recuperation travel to the United States became possible two years ago.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. A 25 December KYODO agency report claiming that the Moscow-controlled clandestine Chinese-language radio Ba Yi had been discontinued confirmed bureau observations that the radio had stopped broadcasting since 2 December, possibly as part of a Soviet effort to improve relations with Beijing. Cruising rechecked Ba Yi through December and will continue to do so at AG's request until the end of January, when AG plans to discuss the latest suspension of Ba Yi. No evidence was found of current broadcasts by another purported Soviet-controlled radio, Red Flag, although our chief monitor found a 1983 reference to it in a Japanese DXers' guide.

2. Okinawa's role in coverage of Vietnam's sixth party congress proved to be minor, consistent with our single Vietnamese monitor and continued erratic reception of the NHAN DAN satellite facsimile transmission. We were able to supply substantial processing from VNA English transmissions, working closely with Bangkok, on Truong Chinh's major political report on 15-16 December, and our lone Vietnamese monitor provided extensive coverage from Moscow and Beijing Vietnamese broadcasts on the congress. The satellite NHAN DAN pressfax signal yielded only a few legible items that were fragments of low-level speeches at the CPV Congress. Okinawa did supply additional passages in the speech by the USSR's delegation leader, Ligachev, as carried by Moscow radio, from a Hanoi-to-Moscow satellite feed on the 80 East satellite, including a passage on "direct dialogue" between China and Vietnam.

3. The last 1986 editorial turnover occurred, with editor [ ] departing PCS on 8 December and editor [ ] arriving 2 December to replace her. Our last two TDY editorial trainees of 1986 completed training and departed, [ ] on 2 December and [ ] on 18 December.

4. Ailing Chinese monitor [ ] who had been unable to work since last May, finally received approval for medical disability retirement effective 19 December, just 6 days after he and wife [ ] left Okinawa for retirement in San Francisco. The last new Chinese monitor trainee of 1986, with the most unlikely name--for a Chinese--of [ ] arrived on 18 December. He knows Urdu and Hindi as well as Mandarin.

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## B. Technical

1. Tests of the fourth and final model of Japanese-made facsimile machines were completed, with Headquarters reporting all models provided excellent transmission. Purchase of a facsimile unit will be deferred until we receive word on its potential use in any Okinawa role in relieving Hong Kong Bureau of some of its editorial workload.

2. As at other bureaus, Okinawa is applying a "sneaker" network to its IBM computers, by hand-carrying floppy disks around, to reduce rekeying of many kinds of material, especially lengthy cruising messages with columns of figures, monthly financial status reports, and increasingly for editor-generated service messages and FYI's, in advance of the scheduled "Quick Reaction Bureau" local area network scheduled for installation this summer.

3. Visiting communications engineers inspected the new secure communications vault, pronounced it in excellent condition, and the new gear for installation in mid-January is expected any day, with training to follow the week of 18 January.

4. Our regional engineer has continued experimentation with capture of a major English press agency file, Xinhua, on IBM PC floppy disk storage to simplify and speed retrieval of selected items to be processed. The equipment is being used on a trial basis by several operators, who have grown to prefer it over hand searches in boxes of paper tapes for the correct Xinhua items. A memo on the equipment and process was prepared for C/ESG and its components.

## C. Cruising

The cruising event of the month was the marriage on 20 December of former Okinawa staff cruiser [redacted] now on extended TDY at Bangkok Bureau, to former Kadena High School assistant principal [redacted] Associate editor [redacted] was the best man, regional engineer [redacted] official video and still photographer, and other FBIS staff and spouses attended. The newlyweds returned to Bangkok on 30 December.

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## III. VISTORS

### To the Bureau:

Guam Autodin Switching Center (ASC) visitors Chief Radioman James Adams, RMI David Davis and Mr. David Stein visited the bureau 8 December on a routine inspection trip; Okinawa DOD Special Representative Charles Gibson, accompanied by Mr. Joseph Harb, Operations Division chief, Defense Security Representative, Japan (DSRJ), from Yokota AFB, on 9 December for a bureau tour and briefing; Lt Col Allan M. Maughan, commander of the USAISC-Japan Signal Battalion, which operates the Buckner ASC and other major military communication facilities on-island, accompanied by eight other officers, on 11 December for a bureau tour and orientation.

### From the Bureau:

The bureau chief, during his Washington medical evaluation leave,

visited FBIS Headquarters officers; Administrative Officer [ ]  
 [ ] to FBIS Admin Staff, during his R&R visit; and Logistics  
 officer [ ] to FBIS Admin Staff during his R&R visit to the  
 Washington area.

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#### IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The FBIS Motor Pool at Kadena AFB became hostage to U.S. Air Force Security Police for more than 3 hours on 5 December, involuntarily, when police decided to use the FBIS facilities as an operations base in a mock "hostage" incident created by Air Force inspectors at the 313th Air Division Headquarters building just across the main road. The street was blocked and several hundred military personnel took over the FBIS office, kitchen and community room to deal with "armed gunmen" holding hostages at the 313th, including base commander Colonel Gill. In the haste to depart, the security police inadvertently abandoned one of their vehicles in the Motor Pool.

An informal party was held on 15 December at the bureau to mark 35 years of service with FBIS for associate editor [ ] A congratulatory letter from the C/Operations Group expressing congratulations from himself, the D/FBIS and [ ] many friends was read, and a cake created in [ ] own image was consumed by the large number of employees who attended.

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## OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1966

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,065,170
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	575,350
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	3,342

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

(minutes or issues per week)

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
21,290 min.	20,700 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

## CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in  
English

1,060

## CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in  
English

860

Beijing International Service to North America in  
English

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Beijing International Service in  
Japanese

2,420

Beijing International Service in  
Mandarin

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Beijing to Taiwan in  
Mandarin

1,910

Beijing to the USSR in  
Russian

3,940

Beijing to Vietnam in  
Vietnamese

2,120

Beijing Domestic Service in  
Mandarin

12,670

Beijing Television Service in  
Mandarin

1,830

Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in  
Mandarin

1,240

Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in  
Mandarin

3,260

Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in  
Mandarin

2,960

Manchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in  
Mandarin

2,130

Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in  
Mandarin

5,560

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	8,520		
Beijing XINHUA in English		500,570	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		125,880	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			730
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			300
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			1,270
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,600
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			---
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			6,790
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			5,380
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	300		
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in Mandarin	---		
JAPAN			
Naha Radio NHK in Japanese	410		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	2,750		
Tokyo JPS in English		1,610	
Tokyo KYODO in English		123,290	
Tokyo JLI in English		5,660	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			200
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			9,180
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			5,320
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			280
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			2,640

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Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,250
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,130
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,710
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			5,810
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			5,330
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,770
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,220
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			---
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			350
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		---	
LAOS			
Vientiane KPL in English		---	
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		3,050	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		9,210	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	2,400		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	2,150		
Taipei CNA in English		26,940	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			2,780
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	8,590		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	620		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	7,580		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	2,040		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	1,060		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	26,780		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	760		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	2,860		
Hanoi VNA in English		120,120	
Hanoi VNA in French			---